

OUR TOWN

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Town Meeting Special

2023

We will be sending out these e-newsletters every week in April to tell you more about the upcoming town meeting. Here's what to expect over the next few weeks:

What happens at Town Meeting?

Voting on the Town Operating and Capital budget
and other financial items

Zoning and Planning and
General Bylaws and State Statutes

Miscellaneous Items and Citizen Petitions

**Read on to find out more about our Town Meeting
and the important role you play.**

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WHAT HAPPENS AT TOWN MEETING?

Our meeting is an Open Town Meeting which means that all the town's voters may vote on all matters. At Town meeting four major things are decided:

How money
is spent
to run
the town

Salaries
for elected
officials

Changes to
the Town's
local statutes,
called bylaws

Citizen's
Petitions

We conduct our Town Meeting according to a tradition unique to New England that has evolved through a combination of custom, statute, and judicial interpretation. Click [here](#) for more information on procedures used throughout Massachusetts.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE TOWN MEETING...

Town meeting starts at 7pm on Monday May 1st and is held at the Mudge Auditorium at the Dover Sherborn Regional High School

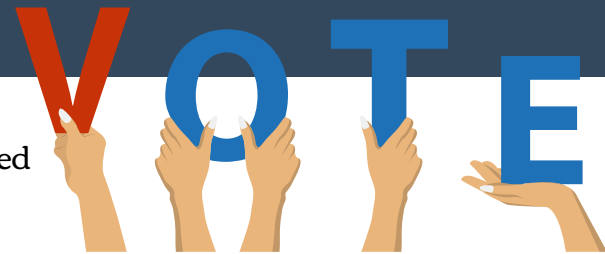
There is ample parking for all.

Plan to arrive 20 minutes before the meeting starts so that you can check in and find seats.

Check in is by street name, street number and full name. When you check in you will receive a 'clicker' for electronic voting.

A quorum of 175 registered Dover residents is required. If a quorum is not present the meeting must be rescheduled.

VOTING



- We use electronic voting, and 'clickers' will be issued to registered voters at check in.
- Pressing "1" on your clicker registers a "yes" vote. Pressing "2" on your clicker registers a "no" vote.
- If you change your mind about your vote while the vote is being electronically collected you may click again, the last click will be the vote that is counted.

Click here for the Town Meeting Web Page for more information

[Town Meeting
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Web Page](#)



SPEAKING AT TOWN MEETING

- All registered Town Voters have the right to comment or ask a question.
- Anyone wishing to speak must be recognized by the Moderator. After being recognized, the speaker should first state her or his name and address.
- The speaker should avoid repeating what has previously been said. Instead, the speaker should focus on new perspectives or questions.
- All questions must be directed to the Moderator who will then direct the question to the appropriate respondent.
- To allow time for all persons wishing to speak, your comments or questions should not exceed two minutes.
- Consistent with the character of our great Town, all speakers should be courteous. One of the finest attributes of our Town is our ability to disagree without being disagreeable.



MORE QUESTIONS?

Click on these questions for more information or go to our Town Meeting web page by clicking [here](#).

The Town Meeting web page has lots more information including more detail about some of the articles. More will be added over the next few weeks. We will also provide more information in these E-newsletters each week in April.

What do all these terms that I hear in Town Meeting mean?

How do we get from the article to the vote?

Who are all these people on stage and what do they do?



WATCH OUT FOR THE BLUE BOOK IN YOUR MAIL BOX

The Blue Book will be in your mail box in mid April

The Blue Book contains information and recommendations of the Warrant and Capital Budget committees. These citizen committees advise the Board of Selectmen and residents attending town meeting on every item (Article) that will come before them.



Town Meeting Web Page

Thank you for reading, watch out for our next e-newsletter next week.